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MARKETABLE PHOSPHATE ROCK IN NOVEMBER 1997

U.S. marketable phosphate rock production in November 1997 decreased about 4% compared to the prior month, according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). Annualized production thus far in 1997 was calculated to be 45.7 million metric tons, which was slightly higher than the total 1996 production of 45.4 million tons (table 3).

Domestic phosphate rock sold or used, excluding exports for November, decreased 6% compared to the prior month, to about 3.3 million tons. Annualized sales or use thus far in 1997 was calculated to be 41.6 million tons or 4% lower than the total for 1996 (table 3).

U.S. producer ending stocks for November were 2% lower than the figure shown in October. In the Florida-North Carolina

region, stocks were almost 3% lower, while in the Idaho-Utah region, stocks were 3% higher than the previous month.

Some phosphate rock import data for Morocco are suppressed by the Bureau of the Census; total U.S. import tonnage was estimated by USGS to average 150,000 tons per month, or 1.8 million tons per year. November import data were not available at the time of publication.

Annualized domestic consumption for 1997 was calculated to be 43.4 million tons using annualized sold and used data and estimated trade data. Apparent domestic consumption for 1996, calculated from the sum of home deliveries and adjusted import data, was 43.7 million tons, compared with 42.6 million tons in 1995.

${\bf TABLE~1}\\ {\bf UNITED~STATES~PHOSPHATE~ROCK~STATISTICS,~BY~REGION~1/}$

(Thousand metric tons)

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^{1/} Data are rounded to three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

^{2/} Includes inventory adjustments.

$\label{eq:table 2} TABLE~2$ U.S. IMPORTS OF PHOSPHATE ROCK 1/ 2/

(Thousand metric tons and thousand dollars)

	In	Imports	
Period	Quantity	Value	
1996 total e/	1,800	104,000	
JanOct. 1996	436	25,300	
1996:			
November	66	3,780	
December	67	3,850	
1997:			
January	101	4,310	
February	(3/)	23	
March	67	3,800	
April	58	3,150	
May	60	3,240	
June	68	4,160	
July	62	3,790	
August	62	3,800	
September	67	4,090	
October	112	3,360	
Year to date	657	33,800	

e/ Estimated.

Source: Bureau of the Census; data on the majority of phosphate rock imports from Morocco are suppressed by Census.

TABLE 3 COMPARATIVE PHOSPHATE ROCK STATISTICS

(Million metric tons per year and dollars per metric ton for period shown)

	1994	1995	1996	1997
United States:				
Marketable production:				
Florida and North Carolina	34.0	38.0	39.2	38.1
Idaho and Utah	7.1	5.5	6.2	7.6
Total 1/	41.1	43.5	45.4	45.7
Sold or used by producers: 2/				
Florida and North Carolina	38.0	38.1	38.1	36.1
Idaho and Utah	5.9	5.6	5.5	5.5
Total 1/	43.9	43.7	43.5	41.6
Yearend stocks	6.0	5.7	6.4	XX
Exports	2.8	2.9	W	W
Average value per ton	\$25.60	\$29.35	\$35.82	\$33.84
Imports for consumption	1.8 e/	1.8 e/	1.8 e/	1.8 e/
Average value per ton	\$48.76	\$51.01	57.91	XX
Apparent consumption 3/	42.9 e/	42.6 e/	43.7 e/	43.4 e/

e/ Estimated. W Withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data. XX Not applicable

 $^{1/\,\}text{C.i.f.}$ (cost, insurance, and freight) values at U.S. ports.

 $^{2/\}operatorname{Data}$ are rounded to three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

^{3/} Less than 1/2 unit.

^{1/} Data may not add to totals shown because of independent rounding.

^{2/} Includes exports reported by producers.

^{3/} Calculated as domestic sold or used plus imports, where imports are estimated to average about 150,000 tons per month (and though the average monthly estimate may appreciably exceed any one month's reported imports).